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SUBJECT: EC DRIVE TOWARD BILATERALISM

1. OECD SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LENNEP ASKED TO SEE ME URGENTLY YESTERDAY TO EXPRESS GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT ABOVE SUBJECT. SPEAKING AS EUROPEAN STATESMAN RATHER THAN OECD HEAD, VAN LENNEP WORRIED ABOUT STEADY TREND OF EC, UNDER FRENCH PRESSURE, TO MOVE AWAY FROM OPEN MULTILATERAL SYSTEM TO SERIES OF BILATERAL UNDERSTANDING.

2. HE REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH JAPANESE PERMREP TO OECD, AMBASSADOR YOSHINO, WHO TOOK SAME POSITION AS HE HAS WITH ME ABOUT RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. ACCORDING TO YOSHINO, FRENCH IN TOKYO HAVE PUT EXTREME PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO AGREE TO BILATERAL EC-JAPANESE DECLARATION. VAN LENNEP SAYS THAT FRENCH HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING OTHER EC PARTNERS TO INSTRUCT THEIR TOKYO AMBASSADORS SIMILARLY, AND YOSHINO SAYS THAT JAPAN IS ON POINT OF CAPITULATING TO THIS DESIRE.

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HE MAINTAINS THAT HE AND MANY OTHER JAPANESE WOULD PREFER

ADDRESS INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN LARGER  
MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK.

3. FRENCH PERMREP TO OECD VALERY SAYS THAT COURSE BEING  
NAVIGATED IS NOT EXCLUSIVE FANTASY OF MINISTER JOBERT,  
AND THAT PRESIDENT POMPIDOU HAS SUBSTANTIALLY ADOPTED  
NEW FOREIGN POLICY LINE. PRESIDENT WOULD SUPPORT JOBERT'S  
IDEA OF FRENCH-LED COMMUNITY MAKING BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS  
WITH U.S., JAPAN, CANADA, AND EVEN CHINA.

4. COMMENT: YOSHINO SAYS INCLINATION HIS AUTHORITIES  
TO ACCEPT EC-JAPANESE BILATERAL DECLARATION ATTRIBUTABLE  
PARTLY TO THEIR FEELING THAT USGG EITHER INDIFFERENT  
OR ACTUALLY PREFERS IT THAT WAY. WE ARE AWARE OF DIVERSE  
FACTIONS AND OBJECTIVES WITHIN JAPAN ITSELF, AND  
IT IS UNCERTAIN TO WHAT EXTENT YOSHINO ACTUALLY  
REFLECTS TOKYO SITUATION. GIVEN JAPANESE HESITATIONS AND THEIR  
IMPRESSION THAT USG VACILLATING BETWEEN 3-4 WAYS OF "SOMEHOW  
ASSOCIATING" JAPAN IN CURRENT U.S.-EUROPEAN DISCUSSIONS OF PRIN-  
CIPLES, ROAD IS OPEN TO EXERTION OF OUTSIDE PRESSURE.

5. I BELIEVE THAT VAN LENNEP'S CONCERN EXPLAINABLE IN PART BECAUSE  
HE FEARS THAT NETHERLANDS MAY ALSO BE CRACKING UNDER PRESSURE FROM  
OTHER EC MEMBERS (SS THE HAGUE'S 5198, PARA 3-4) TO LOOSEN MULTI-  
LATERAL (READ "U.S.") TIES.

6. IT IS BECAUSE OF HIS ANXIETY ABOUT DRIFT TOWARD BLOCS AND  
BILATERALISM, HE SAYS, THAT VAN LENNEP WOULD LIKE TO SEE STOESSEL  
OR SECRETARY (AS I HAVE MENTIONED BY PHONE).  
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